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To: All Members
Re: Zone & District Unification Member Survey Results

Dear Members,

Thanks to everyone who took the time to participate in the recent survey regarding Zone and District unification. The results from the survey have been compiled and we are pleased to share these details with you.

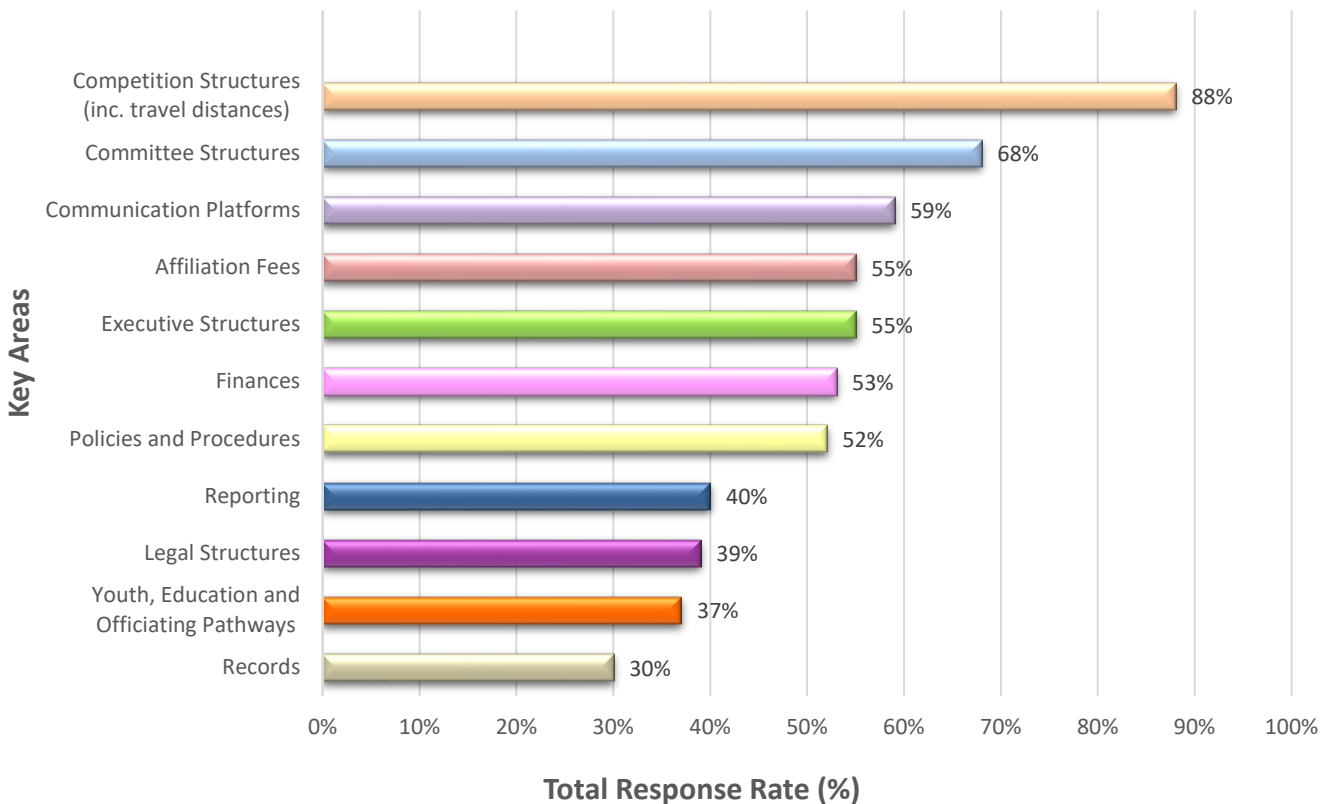
We received over 2,000 survey responses.

Of those 2,000 respondents, close to 9 out of 10 (89.38%) of you responded YES to the question of whether Bowls NSW should reform the way our sport is administered.

In saying YES, you informed us that you would like Bowls NSW to venture down the path of Zone and District unification in line with setting new competition boundaries by 1 July 2024. This would mean dissolving current Zone and District governance structures and aligning these with new and proposed structures moving forward.

We also asked what key areas you want addressed as part of this process if it were determined to be the best course of action. Your feedback was as follows:

Zone & District Unification - Key Areas to Address



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Your responses have highlighted what you consider to be the main priorities when looking at the process of Zone and District unification.

In addition to the above results, I provided an address to our members at last weeks' webinar which outlined the current situation of Zone and District unification in more detail. If you missed it, please view the update in the link below:

[Update on Unification of Zones and Districts](#)

So, what's next?

Given the direction you have provided us with, we will be taking steps to action the following outcomes for 1 July 2024. These outcomes include:

- Appointing a working party to oversee the delivery of this process. It will comprise of myself, various Zone, District and club members from across the State along with a current Bowls NSW Board Member.
- The working party will meet to discuss all the themes previously outlined and other matters arising.
- Seeking your feedback as we work through these themes and outcomes.
- Developing a website that will provide you with all the information to remain up to date on these matters, with the intention of making this as interactive as possible.
- As outlined and as provided to Zone and District executive, draft competition areas (Sectors) have previously been proposed and these will be made public shortly once the working party has convened.
- Once the working party have met to discuss and flesh out the key areas further, I and we will be in contact with Zones and Districts to discuss how these matters impact their current operations and what steps are required to reform the Governance of Bowls in NSW.

Given the multiple stakeholders we are dealing with, this will no doubt be a large task to undertake and one which I am sure will come with its fair share of challenges. If we are not challenging ourselves, we are not progressing, and the outcome of a more simplified governance structure will no doubt benefit our sport for everyone into the future.

There will be many more items we need to address in due course. We appreciate your patience as we work through these details, and we will continue to keep you informed throughout this process.

Thank you again for your feedback to our survey and we look forward to working together to achieve some great outcomes for our sport.

Kind regards,



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